

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4902

To extend the temporary increase in payments under the Medicare Program
for home health services furnished in a rural area.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2004

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon (for himself, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BURR, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KIND, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. BASS, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. RENZI, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. ROSS, Mr. NEY, Mrs. EMERSON, and Mr. ALEXANDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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Medicare Program for home health services furnished
in a rural area.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Rural Home
5 Health Services Improvement Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY MEDICARE**
2 **PAYMENT INCREASE FOR HOME HEALTH**
3 **SERVICES FURNISHED IN A RURAL AREA.**

4 Section 421 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Im-
5 provement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law
6 108–173; 117 Stat. 2283; 42 U.S.C. 1395fff note) is
7 amended—

8 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**ONE-**
9 **YEAR**” and inserting “**TEMPORARY**”; and

10 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “2005” and
11 inserting “2007”.

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